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Unified State Plan Update

The ICCSV is in the process of working with statewide organizations to create Unified State Plan work groups. These organizations will: **refine** the objectives related to the Plan's specific categories, develop a set of performance measurements around these goals, including baseline data, and be a resource to local communities. As the ICCSV prepares to host seven (7) regional summits later this year, the Commission is looking for organizations to host these events in the following cities: Evansville, Fort Wayne, New Albany, Richmond, South Bend, Terre Haute, and West Lafayette. If your organization is interested, please contact: Mr. Carey Craig, senior program officer, at (317) 233-0901, or by e-mail at ccraig@dwd.state.in.us.

April ICCSV Board Meeting a Success

The ICCSV held its most recent board meeting on Thursday, April 10 at the Indiana Government Center in Indianapolis. First Lady Judy O'Bannon was present to swear in the slate of officers for 2003. Harry Brown and Tracy Souza are the newest appointees to the board. Harry is the Executive Director of the Greater Lafayette Volunteer Bureau and Tracy represents the corporate sector as President of the Cummins Foundation in Columbus.

National Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service

ICCSV Executive Director Joe Smith, along with Commission Chair Lynn Coleman will attend the 2003 National Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service. The Corporation on National and Community Service and Points of Light Conference host this event June 6th - June 10th in Baltimore. Joe will be attending his last national conference as a board member of The Association of State Service Commissions (ASC). The theme for this year is "**Building a Culture of Service: Neighbor to Neighbor.**" Workshops will be conducted which will enhance commission's growth and CNCS will offer the latest best practices from across the nation. ASC will offer some timely presentations and elect a new slate of board members.

2003 Indiana Achievement Awards Program: "Celebrating Effective Nonprofits"

The 4th Annual Indiana Achievement Awards (IAA) Program celebrated the work of nonprofit organizations and their impact on Hoosier communities. This year's program will occur on **May 29, 2003** at the **Westin Hotel in Indianapolis**. Activities include: IAA Luncheon, Best Practices Seminar, and Unsung Heroes Reception. A coalition of Indiana foundations, educational centers, businesses, *Indianapolis Business Journal*, and WISH-TV Channel 8 are program partners. Registration begins at **10:30 a.m.** and the day concludes at **6:30 p.m.** There is a **\$75 registration fee. Deadline is May 23**. For more information, please contact Amandula Henry (ahenry@saveitnow.com) at (317) 208-4845, or visit The Sycamore Foundation's Web site at www.sycamorefoundation.org.

Celebrating National Service in Indiana: Streams of Service Working Together

Thanks to all who provided great feedback via the Needs Assessment available through the ICCSV website. Our next steps include finalizing the agenda including training providers and completing the registration process. This year the ICCSV will coordinate the registration for *Celebrating National Service in Indiana – Streams of Service Working Together* will be online through our website. Stay tuned for more developments on registering for some great training and collaboration with other national streams of service. ***This exciting event will be held at the Downtown Westin in Indianapolis and starts on Wednesday, June 25th.*** Take a moment to read about this great opportunity to participate in a writing/reflection contest – look for more information via the ICCSV website at www.IN.gov/iccsv !

Homeland Security Job Fair

United States Senator, Richard Lugar, is sponsoring a Job Fair in Indianapolis on May 9th and 10th at the 38th Infantry Division Armory located near the Indianapolis International Airport. Federal, state, local and safety professions will be distributing information and taking applications from Hoosiers. Some employers will be conducting on-site interviews. For additional information contact Angie Roman at 317-226-555 or email at angela_roman@lugar.senate.gov.

Get On Board!

Would you like to volunteer on a local board? The Get On Board event is designed to provide over 50 nonprofit organizations in Marion County in need of qualified board members and volunteers to make connections with a diverse and broad segment of individuals who are interested in making a positive impact on our community. Representatives from the organizations will be on-hand to meet with potential board members and volunteers to offer information about their particular areas of service, mission, strategic goals and volunteer opportunities. For more information, please visit <http://www.sklla.org/news/CalendarDetails.cfm?details=8&Ref=Program>.

Technical Assistance Workshops for Faith-Based and Community-Based Organizations FaithWorks Indiana will be hosting workshops across the State of Indiana that focus on how to assess an organization's role in government-funded services and how to seek out partnerships with government. Registration and a list of dates for these regional workshops is available via the FaithWorks website at www.IN.gov/faithworks. This is a great opportunity to network with faith-based and community-based organizations in your community!

Citizen Corps Internship Opportunity

The Citizen Corps Council for the State of Indiana is currently seeking highly motivated individuals with an interest in community building, homeland security and disaster preparedness, civic engagement, and/or civil society to assist in the promotion and expansion local Citizen Corps Councils throughout the State of Indiana. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: marketing initiative to local communities, educating citizens and local communities about the importance of safe and healthy communities and preparing for emergencies and disasters, communicating with locally elected public officials and community leaders, working with local and statewide service partners in government, business, community- and faith-based organizations. Preference will be given to individuals that demonstrate good communication (verbal and written) skills, computer/program literacy, energy, and professionalism. Approximately 10 - 20 hours per week is required. For more information, please contact Brandy Wood, ICCSV program officer at (317) 232-2504 or bwood@dwd.state.in.us.

Tip of the Month – the Foundation Center

The Foundation Center's mission is to support and improve philanthropy by promoting public understanding of the field and helping grantseekers succeed. For more information on how to access grant opportunities, search for foundations or post your grant opportunity, visit <http://fdncenter.org/>.

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Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

National Conference on Community Volunteering & National Service, Baltimore, MD	June 6-8, 2003
Join Hands Day	June 21, 2003
AmeriCorps Summer Celebration	June 25-27, 2003
ICCSV Board Meeting	July 10, 2003

Available Now! Indiana Volunteers License Plates (for front of vehicle) are available for purchase. For more information, please contact Brandy Wood at the ICCSV at iccsv@state.in.us.

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